

silicon carbide wall flow filter with a conventional catalyst washcoating. No teaching or suggestion to provide a catalyzed wall flow filter featuring a thin, small-pore membrane on the gas outlet side only of the filter is apparent. Accordingly, the subject matter of claims 8 and 9 of the application is clearly patentable over the combination of Kondo and WO '648.

In summary, all of claims 1-16 of this application are directed to an invention neither taught nor suggested by the art of record in this case, or any combination thereof. Therefore, the claims, specification and drawings in this case now being in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, it is respectfully submitted that this case is now in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants believe that a one (1) month extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely, and request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as is necessary to make this Reply timely. The Office is hereby authorized to charge the one (1) month extension fee or surcharge to the deposit account of Corning Incorporated, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Kindly direct all future correspondence in this case to the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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